SCARY GODMOTHER™

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HALLOWEEN

THE BOO FLU

BY JILL THOMPSON

With Halloween fast approaching, what are the Monsters to do? The Scary Godmother has a case of BOO FLU! How can the holiday happen without her? Who will make the preparations for the spooky celebration?

Hannah Marie volunteers for the job and quickly realizes that it's not all costumes and candy when it comes to readying for Halloween! The Scary Godmother undertakes quite a workload! Will Hannah get it all done in time? Or will the world go Frightless this October 31st?

Join Hannah Marie as she dons tutu and hat to aid her Fright Side friends in the fourth book of the Scary Godmother series. You'll delight in the whimsical rhymes and be drawn into a magical world by the detailed watercolor artwork. Good for all ages!

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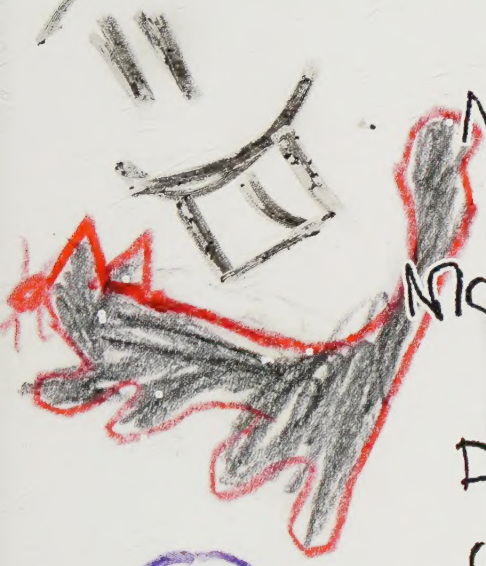

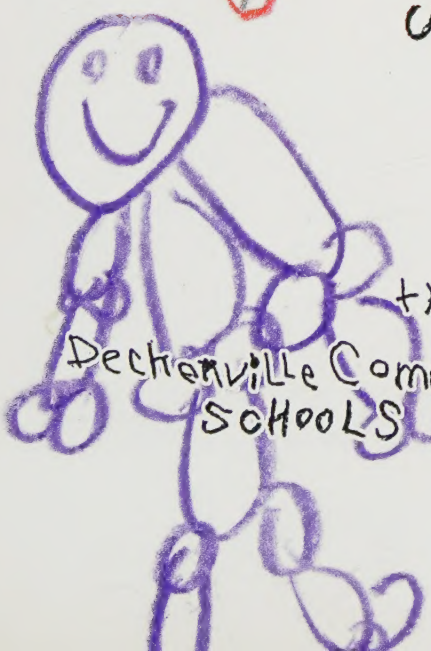

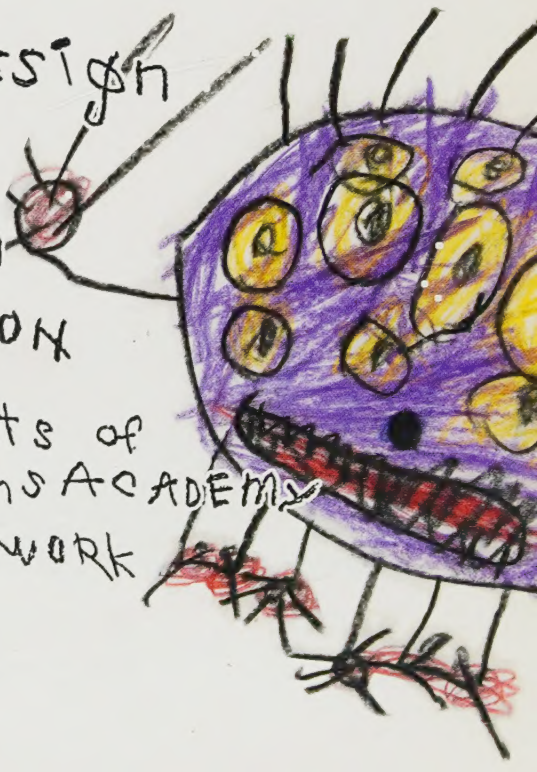

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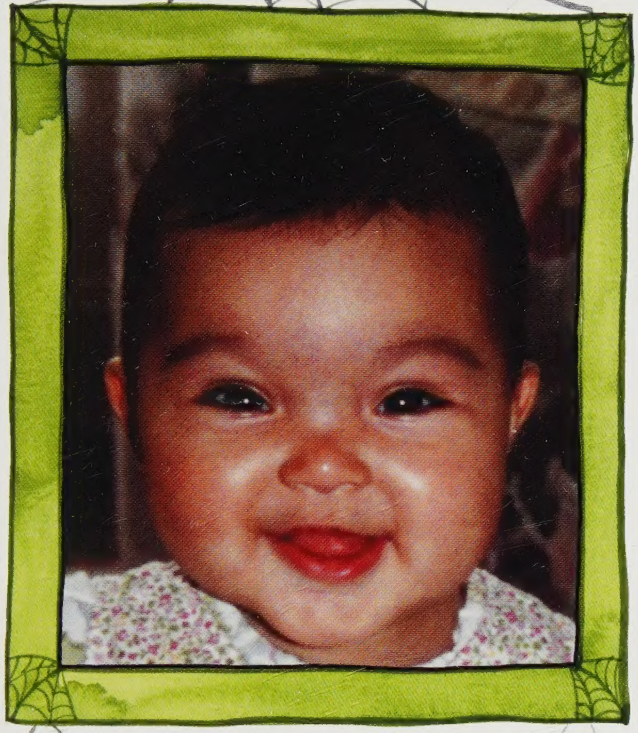

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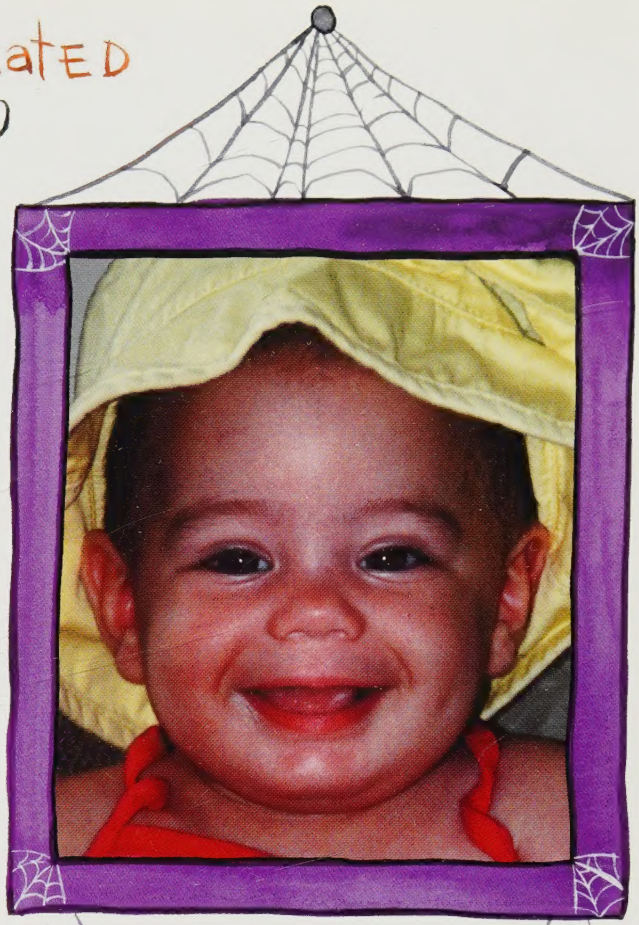

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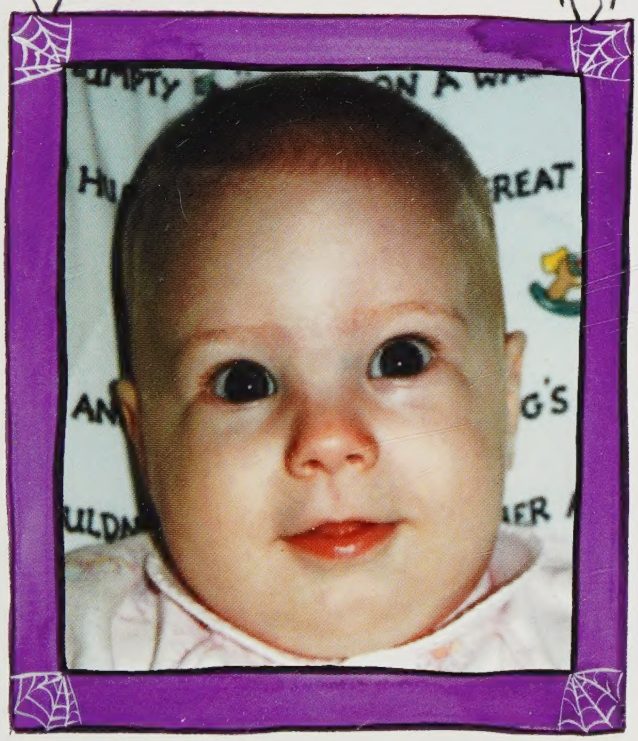

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On a dark autumn night with lots of work left to do,
the Scary Godmother contracted the dreaded Boo Flu!

First came the sweats, then her face got the pox.

She shivered and shook from her head to her socks.

While she sneezed and she coughed, her friends put her to bed
and a weak little voice whispered out of her head.

The monsters all fretted and ran willy nilly.
Hannah giggled because she thought they looked silly.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
HALLOWEEN IS A CINCH!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME HANNAH? WE'RE IN A REAL PINCH!

I LOVE HALLOWEEN. I KNOW WHAT GOES ON! GET SOME CANDY, A PUNKIN... IT'S NOT HARD TO DO....
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT JOB... YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS FLU!

So her pals dressed her up in a tutu and hat. She was handed a list and a broom and a cat...
A thermos and lunch, a bag of supplies and then Hannah Marie took off to the night skies!

As she zoomed up into the indigo blue,
she heard Mr. Pettibone (and Bug-a-Boo, too...)

When Hannah checked out her list, she was shocked and surprised...
At the number of tasks and the paper's long size.

She started her work snagging ghosts, shrieks and moans.

She constructed a Scarecrow using sticks as the bones.

She assigned all the phantoms to their Haunted House spaces.

...And she scattered dry leaves to the tree deprived places!

She crocheted fresh cobwebs...

She belfreyed the bats...

She vacuumed the arches in Halloween cats.

She coaxed the storm clouds out of warm autumn breezes...

...while Pettibone treated Scary's horrible sneezes!

She conducted a chorus of full moon wolf howls.

She set monster jaws into fierce, toothy scowls.

She poked her poor thumb sewing on monster parts.

And one needs to take care during the electric kick start!

With time running out, and so much at stake,
she didn't have time for her unionized breaks!

It's hard to eat sandwiches by the light of the moon...
Or sip slurps of soup while you're riding a broom!

She wised up the owls...

She wrapped up a mummy...

She delivered some take-out for sea monster's tummies.

But when she arrived at the old pumpkin patch...

...The substitute godmother had met her match!

I CAn't CARVe ALL OF THESE! I've Let EVERYONE DOWN!
HALLOWEEN WON't Be COMING to visit OUR town!

SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY CANCELLED! GO HOME.
HAUNTED HOUSE, TOO!
I CAN SEE ALL THE FROWNS ON THE BOYS AND GIRLS FACES ...
THEIR COSTUMES NEVER WORN TO THE HALLOWEEN PLACES!

Hannah's eyes began leaking. She made loud sobbing sounds.
She caused Orson the vampire to wake in the ground!

The Vampire family caused much dirt to scatter
as they decoffined themselves to see what was the matter
(to see Hannah's tears would cause most hearts to shatter!)

But these are the vampires, used to sounds of sad weeping.
Their concern extends to the quality of their sleeping!

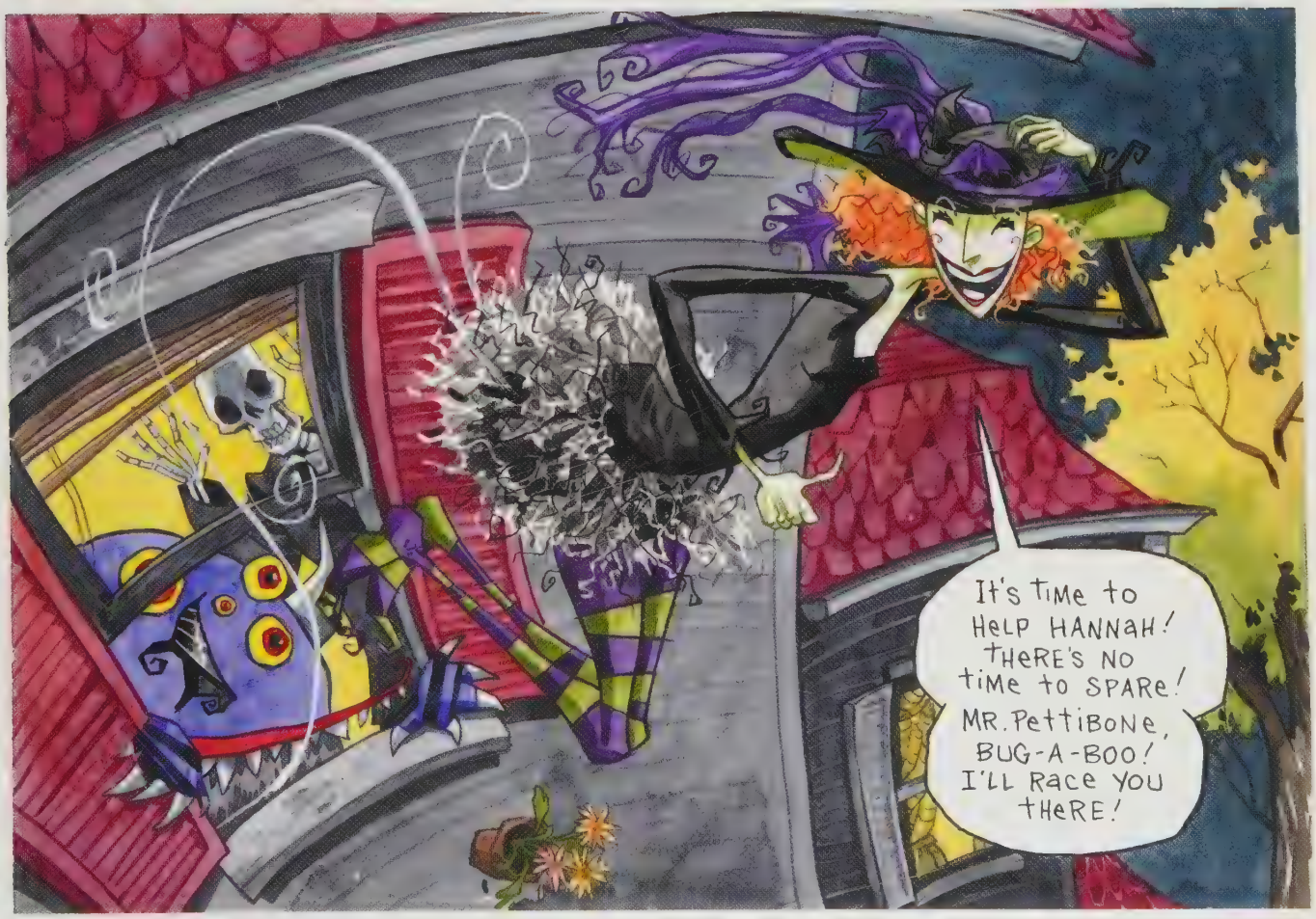
HOW DOES SCARY DO IT? GET ALL OF IT DONE?
I BRAGGED TO THEM ALL THAT I WAS NUMBER ONE?
TO CARVE ALL THESE PUMPKINS WOULD TAKE MY WHOLE LIFE...
AND I'M NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO USE A SHARP KNIFE!

The Vampires laughed with sharp, pointy grins.

And that's just what they did, all through the night.
They chewed Jack O'Lanterns with monstrous delight!

Back at Scary's bedside, progress was made.
Professor Toad was called to administer and olde tyme healing aide!

Soon the Boo Flu was vanquished, all pox, shakes and sneezes!
No longer did her lungs make rattling wheezes!



With all sickness banished from her haunted hair...
Scary Godmother quickly took to the air!

With three pumpkins remaining, the vamps widened their eyes.

They scrambled back into their earth covered beds,
as Halloween sun kissed our girl's weary head.

A sleep deprived Hannah cast her eyes to the street.
She twiddled her fingers and shuffled her feet.

I'M SORRY I Bit OFF MORE THAN I COULD CHEW... HALLOWEEN'S HERE WITH THREE STILL LEFT TO DO!
I'VE BLOWN THE DEADLINE THERE'S LOTS LEFT ON THE LIST!
I GUESS THAT THIS YEAR, HALLOWEEN WILL BE MISSED!

Scary Godmother just laughed--A magical sound!

IN THE NORTH WOODS WHEN HALLOWEEN ROLLS AROUND...
SOMETIMES THERE'S ALREADY SNOW ON THE GROUND!
AND DO YOU THINK THE CHILL AIR KEEPS OUR SPIRIT AWAY?
SNOW MONSTERS ARE MADE TO HELP CELEBRATE THE DAY!

BOO
DOES THE GREEN OF THE PALM TREES OR THE SAND ON THE BEACH KEEP BAGS OF SWEET CANDY OUT OF TRICK OR TREAT REACH?

HALLOWEEN'S MORE THAN LISTS OR THE PUN'KIN-Y PART!
IT'S THE SPOOKITY FEELING YOU HAVE DEEP IN YOUR HEART!

"With long purple shadows, a good chill up your spine;
that heart racing feeling comes from me here and mine!"

"Halloween comes to you on Monster feet--creeping!"

And how did Hannah celebrate her Halloween?

By sleeping!

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Jill Thompson is the author/artist of the Scary Godmother series. She spends her time drawing and painting Scary Godmother stories and comic books, riding her bike, making treats, watching wrestling with her husband and planning ways to create her very own Halloween empire. No real life cats were vacuumed for the making of this book. Jill Thompson does not recommend that you try it with your cats either. Are you looking for a scratching? You can learn more about Jill and her cat stories by visiting her online at www.lurid.com. Previous Scary stories include SCARY GODMOTHER, Scary Godmother: THE REVENGE OF JIMMY and Scary Godmother: THE MYSTERY DATE.

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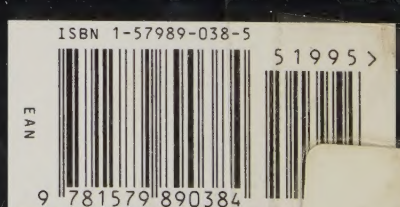

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